

TETON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MINUTES

April 20th, 2011

Attendance: Jane Wolery, Cynthia Rice, Sally Heuscher, Jennifer Ulsh, Jeff Martinsen, Susan Heuscher, Weston Willekes, Leona Somerfeld, Doug Ulsh, Maggie Leigland

Unfinished Business:

Taylor Challenge: This is a program that allows 4-H to raise funds and the Taylor Challenge will match them. This challenge runs through December 2011. Notable community members will be involved in the Kiss-A-Pig contest at the county fair.

4-H Treasurers Books: Consequences versus rewards were discussed in regards to turning in the Treasury books on time. One possible consequence would be holding funds if deadline is not met.

Rec Lab 2012: Rec Lab is an event for 13 to 18 year olds that is geared towards teens and leaders in 4-H. 4-H Ambassadors have been working on this a little and are considering a theme based around the Centennial. Help is needed with committees such as registration, workshop proposals and housing needs. There is the possibility of pairing an adult with a younger member in order to share skills for the workshops and provide a variety of classes.

Nominating Committee (President and Treasurer): These positions will end in August of this year. It is a 2 year term. A laptop is available for the treasurer position which was provided by the Horizons Steering committee. The banking system has been much easier than in the past. All suggestions are welcome.

New Business:

4-H Congress: Congress will be held July 12-15th for members 14 years and older. Members compete in an event and attend workshops. There is usually a dance as well. Intent to attend must be received by April 29th. You may sign up, but are not obligated at this point. Congress has wonderful guest speakers and competitions. There is livestock judging contests, quilting events, and a style show.

10 year awards: The awards committee will be continuing with the past awards for now such as water bottles. Awards are to be given at school awards assemblies. This year's recipients are Lexi Bremer, Danielle Willekes, and Kesler Martin.

Silversmith Bracelets: 3 Montana Silversmith Bracelets were purchased at a good price. Discussion on what to do with them has been tabled for now.

International Programs: There is a need for hosts for 10 Japanese students that will be here mid July through mid August

4-H Camp:

- Combination – an option of combining with another club for camp next year was discussed due to low camper numbers as well as counselors.
- Location – an alternate location for camp was discussed but this did not pan out.
- Ages of counselors – camp planning was proving to be difficult due to lack of counselors, a suggestion to lower the age limit of counselors. It was moved to drop the age of counselors if needed.
- Lunch trays – lunch trays will be purchased by the Challenging Champs club and will be left at the camp.

Succession Training: Leaders in clubs should be inviting others to learn their jobs and help with project meetings. Adult members should be helping leaders.

Other Youth Education Events: Leaders are needed.

Committee Reports:

Livestock Committee: No report

Exchange Committee: Students will be arriving July 21st and staying through August 1st. They will be touring Glacier and Yellowstone Parks as well as attending the Fiddling event at the Pavilion.

Fair Committee: They reviewed the schedule and voted to pay \$700 for Monday thru Saturday and cleaning up on Sunday. They will review the rotation of clubs at the next meeting in August. They may be able to save

money by not using Monday and Tuesday next year and using a local club to do set up. The "When You Wish Upon A Star" theme will be used.

Awards Committee: They ordered ribbons, buckles, and hats. Award expenses may be increasing in the upcoming years.

Budget & Audit: No report.

Textile Committee: They met electronically and will meet around June 1st. The judging date is June 16th for style show.

Record Books: No report.

Other Reports:

Montana 4-H Council: No report.

Montana 4-H Foundation: No report.

Rec Lab : Susan Heuscher and Jane Wolery team-taught a class called "Tangled Teacher," which offered a variety of teaching methods and techniques. Two students from Teton County attended the full session of Rec Lab, which was held in Shelby.

Next meeting time/place : Meeting will be in Pendroy, date and time to be determined.